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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Ilya Trakht  
Serial No.: 09/767,578 Examiner: R. Schwadron  
Filed: January 23, 2001 Art Unit: 1644  
For: DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES AND USES  
THEREOF

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December 23, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the June 25, 2003 Final Office Action. A response to the Office Action was originally due on September 25, 2003. Applicant filed a Communication In Response To June 25, 2003 Final Office Action on September 25, 2003. The fee for a three-month extension of time is FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$475.00) for a small entity and a check for that amount is enclosed. With the three-month extension, a response to the June 25, 2003 Final Office Action is due December 25, 2003. Accordingly, the subject application is pending today for the purpose of filing a Notice of Appeal.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$475.00 fee for a three-month extension, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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